

Reading Guidance

Over the coming weeks, it will be of upmost importance to continue to support children in their reading at home. Unfortunately, children will not be able to access our reading book resources and library in the same way. However, they should continue to read as widely as possible. Information on how to access ebooks and audiobooks via LibrariesNI online is available on our school website. Please note: **Libraries NI is planning to close all public libraries and Out of Hours access from 5:00pm on Friday 20 March 2020 until further notice.**

Remember that reading can take many forms, which are all valuable. This might include magazines, novels, comics, information books/ poetry etc. Teachers may also share further reading and comprehension work appropriate to their class via the home learning packs and apps.

Accelerated Reader

Children who are currently using the Accelerated Reader programme can continue to access quizzes from home during closure. However, this may be most appropriate for children who are reading novels and have access to books on the AR system at home or from LibrariesNI online catalogue. If your child is not at this stage, they may be unable to continue quizzing for a while. Please remember that continuing to read is the most important goal during this time, not working towards quiz targets.

To check if a book your child is reading is quizzed on Accelerated Reader:

- Access <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Children can access our school's unique Accelerated Reader log in page via MySchool or by following this link:

<https://ukhosted85.renlearn.co.uk/2235339/default.aspx>

Finding a 'good fit' book

When browsing the LibrariesNI catalogue, there are advanced search functions which will allow you to look for appropriate reading material for your child based on interest level, age or stage.

Try out the '5 finger test' to check your child is reading a suitable book:

1. Read a page
2. For every word you don't know, put up a finger

For reluctant readers, perhaps a reading reward chart or incentive could support them to keep up regular reading habits. Reading is one of the most important things your child can do during this time. Please continue to encourage your child to read for pleasure at home.

Keep calm and read on!

Kind regards,

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